Reorientation of Banking Policy

2415. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for a substantial reorientation of banking policy in regard to West Bengal so as to ensure that banking services and funds are made available in the State to the same extent and degree as is available in the rest of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have so far been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) With a view to improving the flow of credit in West Bengal, Reserve Bank of India had discussions with State authorities and a special State Level Bankers' Committee meeting also held at Calcutta. State authorities were advised to prepare bankable schemes and to extend such assistance as might be needed by banks in the implementation of schemes. The banks were also advised that while preparing District Credit Plans and Annual Action Plans, their endeavour should be to increase the flow of credit particularly within the priority sectors by formulating new bankable schemes.

Recently Reserve Bank of India has issued guidelines to banks for adoption of service area approach under which a rural and semi-urban branch would be allotted 15 to 25 villages as its service area to bring about rapid economic developments of that area in coordination with the developmental agencies of State Governments. The service area approach is aimed at bringing about an improvement in the quality of lending, establishing better linkages with production and proper re-cycling of bank credit and this is expected to increase the flow of credit particularly in rural areas.

Setting up of Cooperative Spinning Mills

2416. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up cooperative spinning mills in the country during the Seventh Plan Period;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what will be the locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) National Co-operative Development Corporation has a programme of assisting 6 co-operative spinning mills attached with ginning and pressing unit in different cotton growing States during the 7th Plan under World Bank (IDA) financed NCDC-III Agro Industries Project. In addition there is programme to assist one more spinning mill during the 7th Plan under Central Sector Scheme funded by the Ministry of Textiles.

(i) Projects so far, financed under NCDC-III Programme

Name of Society/Location

1. Chilakaluripet Cotton Growers Co-operative Spinning Mills Ltd., Ellapadu, Distt. Guntur (Andhra Pradesh).

2. Pahasaheb Naik Kapas Utpadak Sahakari Soot Girni Ltd., Pusad, Distt. Yeotmal (Maharashtra).

3. Bhatinda Integrated Cooperative Cotton Ginning & Spinning Mills Ltd., Bhatinda (Punjab).

4. Sriganganagar Cooperative Cotton Complex Ltd., Sriganganagar (Rajasthan).

5. Srivenkatesh Cooperative Spinning Mills Ltd., Annigeri, Distt. Dharwad (Karnataka).

(ii) **Projects expected to be cleared NCDC-III Programme**

1. Sri Raja Rajeshwari Cooperative Spinning Mills Ltd. Sircilla, Distt. Karimnagar (Andhra Pradesh).

(iii) **Projects financed under Normal Programme**

1. Assam Polyester Cooperative Society Ltd., Tulsibari, Distt. Kamrup (Assam).

Formation of Small Industries Development Bank

2417. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation dated the 9th August, 1988 from ORITCO Staff Association, Bhubaneshwar dealing with Government's proposal for formation of a separate Institution known as Small Industries Development Bank (SIDB):

(b) if so, what are their suggestions; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Government to their suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Government have received a representation from ORITCO Staff Association on the subject of formation of Small Industries Development Bank of India and role of Technical Consultancy Organisations. Inter-alia, the representation suggests that Technical Consultancy Organisations can play a role in promoting small sector and medium industrial units because of their technical knowledge.

(c) Government is considering setting up of Small Industries Development Bank of India as a subsidiary of the IDBI to cater to the needs of small scale and tiny industries. Details regarding the bank are being worked out.

Scales of pay of Fire Service personnel of Pondicherry

2418. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received communications dated the 2nd December, 1986 and 17th August, 1987 from Pondicherry Administration giving justification for the removal of anomalies in the existing (pre-revised) scales of pay of the Fire Service personnel of the Pondicherry Administration:

(b) if so, whether Government have conveyed their decision on Pondicherry Administration's proposals; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for the delay and by when the decision would be conveyed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) Government of India have received communications dated 2nd December, 1986 and 17th August, 1987 from the Pondicherry Administration.

It is not mandatory that posts carrying identical nomenclature in all the UTs will carry similar pay scales. Pay scales are based on many factors, like nature of duties responsibilities attached to the post, educational and other qualifications required for the job inter-se position with other